GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

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Sikh Pilgrimage Places
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that various Sikh Pilgrimage places in the country are scattered along its length and breadth from Himachal Pradesh in North to Assam in East and further to Maharashtra in South while majority of Sikh population is concentrated in North of the country;
(b) whether the Government plans to start any scheme to facilitate the pilgrimage journey of Sikhs from Punjab and other parts of India and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
(c) if such a scheme already exists, the details of the number of people who utilized such service during the last two years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (c): For development of tourist infrastructure in the country the Ministry of Tourism has launched two schemes PRASAD-Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive and Swadesh Darshan Integrated Development of Theme-Based Tourist Circuits in 2014-15.

Under PRASAD scheme, 25 sites have been identified for development in the country. Patna (Bihar) and Amritsar (Punjab) are two Sikh Pilgrimage sites identified for development under the PRASAD scheme. The details of projects sanctioned for development at these sites are as under:

â€¢ Development at Patna Sahib, Bihar for Rs.41.56 Crore in 2015-16.
â€¢ Development of Karuna Sagar Valmiki Sthal at Amritsar in Punjab for Rs.6.45 Crore in 2015-16.

Spiritual Circuit is one of the 13 thematic circuits identified for development under the Swadesh Darshan scheme. All sites with spiritual significance including Sikh Pilgrimage sites in the country are covered under this circuit.
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